

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 27

By Harrison

A RESOLUTION to recognize Robert Brooks on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, every month of the school year, in darkness and daylight, bitter cold and brutal heat, Tennessee's school bus drivers travel thousands upon thousands of miles on everything from dirt paths to multi-lane highways to deliver our precious students to their places of learning and then home again; and

WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of that responsibility is great, and the hours are difficult; it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body salute and appreciate school bus drivers every day and recognize the invaluable contributions they make to the educational process; and

WHEREAS, Robert Brooks is one such estimable person who has served with probity for more than fifty-two years as a school bus driver for Hawkins County Schools; on Monday, November 8, 2010, he set the record for the longest tenure as a school bus driver in Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, a farmer as well as a bus driver, Mr. Brooks began his record-breaking career on November 8, 1958, when he was just twenty-one years of age; several of the children he transported at that time are today drawing Social Security benefits; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with Hawkins County Schools, Mr. Brooks has been an exemplary employee, going above and beyond the call of duty to safely transport his young passengers to and from school and their homes in the Surgoinsville community; and

WHEREAS, Robert Brooks is perhaps most appreciative of the love and support of his wife, Janice Brooks, their devoted son, Johnny Brooks, and their treasured grandson, Seth Brooks; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Brooks has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the citizens of Hawkins County and the good people of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Robert Brooks our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement after more than fifty-two years as a devoted school bus driver for Hawkins County Schools, and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.